



Registered Charity no
SCO43123

Murieston Environmental Group

Minutes of Meeting 9 Jul 2026

<http://muriestonenvironmentalgroup.org.uk/>

1. Attendees

Gillian de Felice, Alan Murray, Lara Haken, Ella Haken, Isabel Taggart, Kay Goldup, Andy Murray, Bernie Tremain

2. Apologies for Absence

Shelagh Taylor, Arthur Marris, Jackie Tremain

3. Approval of June's minutes

Alan Murray proposed and Kay Goldup seconded.

4. Treasurers report

Current Balance £2441.38.

Expenditure:

- £264 to Tooth Design for MEG flag
- £3.30 to Hobbycraft for card to make a sign
- £6.64 to Amazon

5. Projects Update/ Discussion

- Development at Skivo Wynd - Skivo development planning portal closed
- Giant hogweed - Gillian, Alan and Arthur were assisted by Mario Palomo from Forth Rivers Trust in eradicating giant hogweed from the Dedridge Burn. Initial impressions are that this was successful but the site should be inspected next year to see if any hogweed remains.
- Rotary Club - Gillian has been asked to give a presentation to the Rotary Club. So far, she has not heard from them.
- Willow Den at Cricket Club - has been trimmed and tidied up.

6. Diary of events/Upcoming Projects

- Saturday 25th July - Litter Pick. Isabel will contact Carol Salem from West Lothian Litter Pickers for additional kit. We will meet at the Community Garden at 10 o'clock. Ella will do a poster and promote the event on Facebook. Andy Murray will approach Trail Bean to see if they can provide refreshments.
- Tuesday 28 July - Pond Dipping with Finn McElrue-Insh from Amphibian and Reptile Conservation UK to do a great crested newt survey. This was originally scheduled for Tuesday 21 July but was rescheduled prior to typing minutes.
- Saturday 5 September - Gala Day at Cricket Club. MEG are doing a treasure hunt. Lara and Ella Haken will undertake the work needed to host this.
- Date to be arranged - Meadow Planting. We have liaised with Callum McLaren from West Lothian Council. He has given us instructions as to how we should prepare the site for planting. The first step is to start scraping cuttings from the area to reduce nutrients and then plant Yellow Rattle this autumn. A FIT (flower insect timed) count is planned for 20 Aug 26, prior to clearing the grass.

7. AOB

- Some of the paths around Murieston are becoming overgrown. We have agreed to tackle the worst of them on Saturday 21st August. Details will be confirmed at next meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

8. Date of next meeting

13 Aug 2026: 7.15 pm at the Cricket Club.

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